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Legislative Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Fred:

Yesterday New York Magazine published a list of alleged SAVAK agents which, it claims, were "checked with" persons in the FBI, State Department, and with "Senate Foreign Relations Committee staffers." While in our case this is technically correct, it is grossly misleading.

Mr. Rose did "check with" us -- but we refused to comment. Mr. Rose telephoned on August 25 seeking verification of the accuracy of the list. I responded that we were unable to comment because any information we possessed on that subject would have been obtained from agencies of our intelligence and law enforcement community pursuant to memoranda of understanding which required their participation in determining whether such information could be released to the public. He telephoned last week, again seeking verification of the list, and again we declined to comment. We have requested that New York Magazine publish a correction in its next issue.

This is confirmed in the enclosed telegram from Mr. Rose to Senator McGovern, which I asked him to transmit as soon as I learned of the article's publication.

Neither John Ritch nor I have disclosed to New York Magazine or to any other third party any information given us pursuant to the memoranda of understanding with the CIA or with any other department or agency of the executive branch. I value what I believe is a relationship of trust and confidence that we have established over months of working together and I simply wanted to assure you that that trust has not been violated.

Sincerely,

Mike

Michael Glennon
Legal Counsel

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Enclosure

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PMS SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES FOR AN UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION
GIVEN IN MY ARTICLE ON SAVAK OPERATION IN THE US IN THE CURRENT
ISSUE OF NEW YORK MAGAZINE. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MR GLENNON AND
UNDERSTAND HIS OUTRAGE. I DID CHECK THE MATERIAL IN THE BOX ON PAGE
48 WITH MR GLENNON. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, VOLUNTEER ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER. THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM
THE COMMITTEE OR ITS STAFF IS NOT MERELY UNINTENDED, BUT UNTRUE.
AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS IMPRESSION

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DEAR SENATOR MCGOVERN I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO MY TELEGRAM OF 9/11/78
THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT NONE OF THE MATERIAL INCLUDED IN MY
ARTICLE IN NEW YORK MAGAZINE WAS CONFIRMED BY COMMITTEE STAFFERS
GREGORY F ROSE NEW YORK MAGAZINE

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